

The eggs must have been laid before the mould developed, and it is possible that the fly larvae fed on the gall tissue.

There were no further emergences and on 24 October I broke the galls to fragments and found there were still a number of Chalcid larvae present. They were fully grown and would probably not pupate and emerge until the spring of 1972.

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Some Records of Grasshoppers (Acrididae) in S.W. Ireland

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During a fortnight's family holiday in West Cork from 23rd August to 5th September 1971, I had some limited opportunities to look for Orthoptera and make no apologies for publishing my somewhat scanty observations in view of the lack of attention which the Irish Orthoptera has received.

Although most of our excursions were made in the countryside around the village of Schull (where we stayed), we crossed into Co. Kerry on one occasion, 27th August, in order to visit Killarney. All four species I encountered are already well known from both the West Cork and North Kerry vice-counties (Kevan, 1961; Ragge, 1965), but it still seems worth listing the actual localities in which I found them. Incidentally, there are many bogs in the vicinity of Schull, Ballydehob and Skibbereen which looked suitable for the Large Marsh Grasshopper *Stethophyma grossum* (L.), a species already known to inhabit West Cork, but I was unable to search for it except in two likely bogs near Ballydehob. I visited these very briefly on a hot sunny morning, but failed to hear any stridulating males.

I also kept a sharp lookout in likely habitats for the Lesser Mottled Grasshopper. *Stenobothrus stigmaticus* (Rambur), recently discovered in the Isle of Man (Ragge, 1963; Burton, 1965), where I am familiar with it, but again without success.

Common Green Grasshopper, *Omocestus viridulus* L.: common almost everywhere in Counties Cork and Kerry. Recorded in the following localities:—

Schull: common in most, if not all, suitable places.

Barley Cove: common.

Ballydehob: common in the surrounding moorland countryside.

Ballydehob—Bantry Road: very common.

Sherkin Island: common, 30th August.

Tragumna Beach, nr. Skibbereen: common on 4th September in lush areas on the rocky slopes above the sea, especially where Bracken grew. I collected a female of the rare 'green purple sides' variety.

Killarney, Co. Kerry: common, 27th August.

Common Field Grasshopper, *Chorthippus brunneus* (Thunberg): widespread and common in drier habitats, but overlapping with *O. viridulus*. Recorded in the following localities:

Schull: common along roadside banks and on rocky areas around Mount Gabriel.

Ballydehob: very common on rocky ground.

Barley Cove: abundant on the dunes.

Sherkin Island: abundant, 30th August.

Tragumna: common on rocky slopes and dry areas behind the beach, 4th September.

Mottled Grasshopper, *Myrmeleotettix maculatus* (Thunberg): locally abundant on moorland and rocky ground. Noted at the following localities:

Sherkin Island: common on the rocky outcrops above Little Harbour on 30th August.

Between Bantry and Ballydehob: common on rocky outcrops beside the road near Knockroe, 29th August.

Tragumna: common on the rocky slopes above the beach on 4th September.

Common Groundhopper, *Tetrix undulata* (Sowerby): common on the slopes above Little Harbour on Sherkin Island, 30th August. Most were black, but a few were mottled brown in colour.

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